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Award

RRS James Cook Refit Contract 2025

National Oceanography Centre

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Scope

Reference

NOCP00521

Description

In accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA 2023), the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service is deemed lawful under Schedule 5, paragraph 13 of the PA 2023. This exemption applies because the goods, services, or works required under the public contract are strictly necessary due to extreme and unavoidable urgency, preventing the contract from being awarded through a competitive tendering procedure.

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Contract 1

Supplier

- [Damen Shipyards](#)

Contract value

- £350,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 April 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 June 2025 to 26 July 2025
- 27 days

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Due to the nature of the works - there may be additional requirements identified during installations or repairs.

CPV classifications

- 50241000 - Repair and maintenance services of ships

Contract locations

- NL - Netherlands

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

National Oceanography Centre

- Companies House: 11444362
- Scottish Charity Register: SC049896
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYLV-3456-PMCQ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government